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SUBJECT: ROMANIAN PORT VISIT (C)

REF: CINCUSNAVEUR MESSAGE NO3128, DTG 011830Z APR 75

1. (C) INFORMATION IN PARAGRAPH 1 OF REFERENCE IS NOT TOTALLY ACCURATE. GENERAL COMAN, AS FAR AS IT IS KNOWN HERE, DID NOT STATE A DESIRE FOR A U.S. SHIP VISIT TO A ROMANIAN PORT IN MAY OR JUNE IN CONNECTION WITH V-E CELEBRATION. DURING HIS RECENT VISIT TO THE U.S., THE MATTER OF A FUTURE SHIP VISIT, WITHOUT TIME FRAME, WAS MENTIONED TO GENERAL COMAN, BY DATT BUCHAREST, TO WHICH HE REACTED FAVORABLY. ALSO, ROMANIAN ATTACHE IN WASHINGTON MENTIONED SUCH A POSSIBILITY TO THE DATT. IN ADDITION, AN INVITATION WAS ORALLY EXTENDED TO GEN COMAN BY VICE ADMIRAL JOSEPH MORRER, DEPUTY CNO, TO SEND A ROMANIAN TRAINING SHIP TO NEW YORK TO PARTICIPATE IN "OPERATION SAIL" AS PART OF THE BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATIONS IN 1976. HE ALSO REACTED FAVORABLY TO THAT BUT GAVE NO FIRM
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COMMITMENT. FOLLOWING RETURN TO BUCHAREST HE TOLD AMBASSADOR

BARNES SHIP VISIT IDEA WAS BEING STUDIED.

2. (C) IT IS LIKELY THAT ROMANIANS WOULD AGREE TO A U.S. SHIP VISIT IN ACCORD WITH THEIR POLICY OF PROMOTING MULTIPLE CONTACTS WITH ALL COUTRIES. SUCH A VISIT WOULD ALSO ASSISIT IN THE INSTITUTIONALIZATION OF US-GOR BILATERAL RELATIONS. APPROACH AND TIMING HOWEVER OF SUCH A VISIT ARE IMPORTANT. VISIT SHOULD BE A ROUTINE ONE AND NEED NOT BE TIED TO CELEBRATION OF THE ALLIED VICTORY IN WWII. IN FACT, WE HAD UNDERSTOOD FROM STATE 57493 (NOTAL) PARA 5 THAT NO NAVAL VISITS WERE PLANNED FOR THE BLACK SEA IN THIS CONNECTION. THE TIMING SHOULD BE ARRANGED SO AS NOT TO APPEAR THAT WE ARE PUSHING ROMANIANS TOO FAST AFTER COMAN VISIT TO U.S.

3. (C) SUGGEST THAT CONSIDERATION BE GIVEN TO POSSIBILITY OF A PORT VISIT TO CONSTANTA IN JUNE 1975. IF AGREED, AS LOW KEY PROPOSAL COULD BE MADE TO THE ROMANIANS FOR ONE OF THREE PERIODS: 13-16 JUNE; 20-23 JUNE; OR 28 JUNE - 1 JULY 75 TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF USS WAINWRIGHT AVAILABILITY (REFTEL). IF ONE OF THESE PERIODS IS NOT SUITABLE WITH ROMANIAN PLANS, A SUITABLE SUBSEQUENT PERIOD COULD BE NEGOTIATED.

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